--- 1/5th Pound - “Series of 1883” - BLACK - 250/255 x 20 mm. ---

John McKay records 1/5th pound, black, *lithographed* strips as prepared under the 4th and 5th BABN Contracts. The collection ***does not contain*** a *lithographed* one-fifth pound, black, “Series of 1883” strip - but I have not really been looking for one.

John McKay records that 216,000 copies of the “1-5th Black, ‘83 Tobacco” *recess printed* by rotary press were ‘delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886).

Next John McKay records that 929,865 copies (*recess printed* by hand press) and 24,750 copies (*recess printed* by rotary press), plus 105,385 *lithographed* copies of “1/5 lb. Black, Tobacco” were ‘delivered’ under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). Probably these lithographed strips were from the “Series of 1880-81” and were sent to Ottawa in the summer of 1887 for disposal.

Further McKay reports that 99,000 copies (*recess printed* by hand press) and 655,427 copies (*recess printed* by rotary press), plus 45,573 *lithographed* copies of “1/5 Black, Tobacco” were ‘delivered’ under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897).

Finally John McKay records that 200,885 copies (*recess printed* by rotary press) of “1/5 lb. Black, Tobacco” were ‘delivered’ under the **5th BABN Supplement** (1897-1898). These were actually printed under the **5th BABN Contract** but remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement, they were provided to the Department as ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ with the die preparation and the printing of the “Series of 1897”.

3rd BABN Contract - October 22nd 1878	216,000 recess (rotary press)	**000001** to **216000**
4th BABN Contract - October 22nd 1886	929,865 recess (hand press)	**216001** to 1-**145865**
	24,750 recess (rotary press)	1-**145866** to 1-**170615**
5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	99,000 recess (hand press)	1-**170616** to 1-**269615**
	655,427 recess (rotary press)	1-**269616** to 1-**925042**
5th BABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	200,885 recess (rotary press)	1-**925043** to 2-**125927**
	2,125,927	

The catalogue lists the recess printed “Series of 1883” black 1/5th pound strips as follows:

RP-556 - 1/5th pound, black, perforated 12, on horizontal mesh wove, “Montreal” imprint - 255 x 20 mm.
RP-557 - 1/5th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, “Montreal” imprint - 255 x 20 mm.
RP-558 - 1/5th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, “Ottawa” imprint - 255 x 20 mm.
RP-559 - 1/5th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, ***without an imprint*** - 255 x 20 mm. - **WANTED!**

RP-556n - 1/5th pound, black, perforated 12, *without* control numbering,
on horizontal mesh wove – 255 x 20 mm. design - with the 26 mm “Montreal” imprint

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--- 1/5th Pound - "Series of 1883" - BLACK - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- Recess printed by rotary press on horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- RP-556 - perforated 12 - 255 x 20 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- with the 26 mm "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" strip imprint - at 300% scale ---

RP-556 - 1/5th pound, perf 12, with 4 mm control 1-**573131**, on *horizontal* mesh wove - with the "Montreal" imprint

1-**573131**★	RP-556	1/5th pound, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove - rollered **TOBACCO \ 6-17**

--- RP-557 - *coarse roulette* - 255 x 20 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---

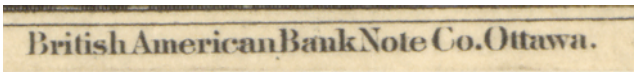
RP-557 - 1/5th pound, *coarse roulette*, control 1-**953363** - on horizontal mesh wove - with the "Montreal" imprint

1-**564442**	RP-557	1/5th pound, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO \ 6-17**
1-**953363**★	RP-557	1/5th pound, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO \ 6-17**

--- 1/5th Pound - "Series of 1883" - BLACK - 5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) ---

--- RP-558 - *coarse roulette* - 255 x 20 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---

26 mm "British American Bank Note Co. Ottawa" strip imprint - at 300% scale ---



RP-558 - 1/5th pound, *coarse roulette*, control 2-**180137**, on horizontal mesh wove, with the "Ottawa" imprint

2-**180137**★	RP-558	1/5th pound, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove

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--- Plate proofs - *recess printed* on heavy wove paper ---

--- *imperforate* - with the 26 mm. "Ottawa" imprint - scanned at 67% scale ---

1/5th pound, a black plate proof, on heavy wove paper, with the 26 mm. "Ottawa" imprint

1/5th pound, a black plate proof, on heavy wove paper, with the 26 mm. "Ottawa" imprint - stamped **CANCELLED**

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